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1. US agrees to suggested protest to Moscow--The Department of State has informed US Representative Reber in London of its concurrence in the plan for a tripartite oral protest in Moscow in the event that "no conclusive result" is reached during the 13 January meeting on the Austrian treaty. In order to avoid the appearance that the Western powers are breaking off negotiations in London, the Department recommends that a specific date be fixed during the 13 January meeting for another meeting of the representatives during the following week. The Department adds that no hint should be given the Soviet deputy that a tripartite protest is contemplated, and suggests that the protest be followed by publicity in the three Western capitals. Meanwhile, the French Foreign Office has expressed general agreement to the proposed joint approach to Moscow.

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